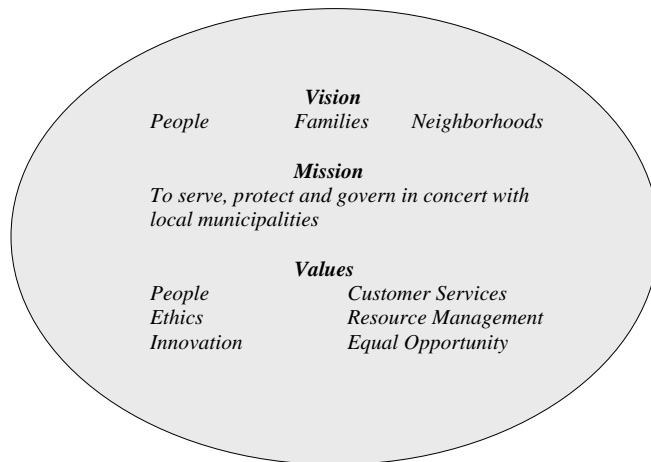




FULTON COUNTY



PURCHASING DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 05RFP210002C-BL

FINANCIAL ADVISOR

For

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

RFP DUE TIME AND DATE: 11:00 A.M., October 26, 2005

PURCHASING CONTACT: William Long at 404-730-7660

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LOCATION:

**FULTON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
130 PEACHTREE STREET, S.W., SUITE 1168
ATLANTA, GA 30303**

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SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 OVERVIEW

Fulton County, Georgia ("County") is soliciting proposals from qualified financial advisors interested in serving as financial advisor for a Fulton County advance refunding of the Water and Sewer 1998 Revenue Bond Issue and the 1999 Certificates of Participation.

Proposals provided in response to this RFP that comply with the submittal requirements set forth in Section 4.0, including all forms and certifications, will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria and procedures described in Section 5.0. Based on the results of the evaluation, the County will award the contract to the most advantageous Proposer based on the cost and the evaluation factors set forth in the RFP.

1.2 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

Through the issuance of this Request for Proposal ("RFP" and/or "Proposals"), the County is soliciting Proposals for the purpose of awarding a contract for professional financial advisor services.

1.3 DOWNLOADING the RFP

This document and supporting documents can be downloaded at the Fulton County Website, <http://www.co.fulton.ga.us/> under "Bid Opportunities".

1.4 PROPOSAL DUE DATE

All proposals are due in the Purchasing Department of Fulton County located in the Public Safety Building, Suite 1168, 130 Peachtree St, S.W., Atlanta Georgia 30303 on or before **October 26, 2005 at 11:00 A.M.** legal prevailing time. All submitted proposals will be time and date stamped according to the clock at the front desk of the Fulton County Purchasing Department. Any proposals received after this appointed schedule will be considered late and subject to be returned unopened to the Proposer. The proposal due date can be changed only by addendum.

1.5 DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS

Any proposal received after the above stipulated due date and time will not be considered and will be rejected and returned. It shall be the sole responsibility of the Proposer to have his/her proposal delivered to the Fulton County Department of Purchasing for receipt on or before the above stipulated due date and time. If

a proposal is sent by U.S. Mail, the Proposer shall be responsible for its timely delivery to the Department of Purchasing.

1.6 CONTACT PERSON AND INQUIRIES

Any questions or suggestions regarding this RFP should be submitted in writing to the Purchasing Department contact person, **William Long, Assistant Purchasing Agent, 130 Peachtree Street, S.W., Suite 1168, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, (404) 730-7660 or william.long@co.fulton.ga.us**. Any response made by the County will be provided in writing to all Proposers by addendum. No verbal responses shall be authoritative.

1.7 PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

The County will hold a Pre-Proposal Conference, on **October 12, 2005 at 2:00 P.M.** in the Bid Conference Room of the Purchasing Department, Fulton County Public Safety Building, Suite 1168, 130 Peachtree Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Attendance at the Pre-Proposal Conference is voluntary for responding to this RFP, however Proposers are encouraged to attend. The purpose of the Pre-Proposal Conference is to provide information regarding the project and to address any questions and concerns regarding the services sought by the County through this RFP.

1.8 COMPENSATION

The County will pay the Contractor based on a flat/fixed fee per issuance. The Contractor agrees that the amount to be paid for financial advisor services during the Contract Term shall be fixed regardless of the number of hours spent in the performance of the work associated with the project. All fees will be contingent on the issuance of the proposed bonds.

SECTION 2

INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

2.1 PROCUREMENT PROCESS

The procurement will be on a formally advertised basis. All technical requirements, unless otherwise specified, must be met, or be capable of being met by the Proposer or their proposal will be disqualified as being non-responsive.

2.2 CONTRACT DEFINITIONS

In addition to any other terms that may be defined in this solicitation, the following terms have the following meaning:

Addendum – Revision to the RFP documents issued by the County prior to the receipt of proposals.

Agreement – refers to the executed contract between the County and Contracting Entity.

County – Fulton County Government and its authorized representatives.

Contact Person – Purchasing staff designated by the Fulton County Department of Purchasing to submit any questions and suggestions to.

Owner – Fulton County Government

Scope of Work – All the services specified, indicated, shown, or contemplated by the Contract, and furnishing by the Contractor of all materials, equipment, labor, methods, processes, construction and manufacturing materials and equipment, tools, plants, supplies, power, water, transportation and other things necessary to complete such services in accordance with the Contract.

2.3 NO CONTACT DURING PROCUREMENT PROCESS

It is the policy of Fulton County that the evaluation and award process for County contracts shall be free from both actual and perceived impropriety, and that contacts between potential vendors and County officials, elected officials and staff regarding pending awards of County contracts shall be prohibited.

- A. No person, firm, or business entity, however situated or composed, obtaining a copy of or responding to this solicitation, shall initiate or continue any verbal or written communication regarding this solicitation with any County officer, elected official, employee, or designated County representative, between the date of the issuance of this solicitation and

the date of the County Manager's recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for award of the subject contract, except as may otherwise be specifically authorized and permitted by the terms and conditions of this solicitation.

- B. All verbal and written communications initiated by such person, firm, or entity regarding this solicitation, if same are authorized and permitted by the terms and conditions of this solicitation, shall be directed to the Purchasing Agent.
- C. Any violation of this prohibition of the initiation or continuation of verbal or written communications with County officers, elected officials, employees, or designated County representatives shall result in a written finding by the Purchasing Agent that the submitted bid or proposal of the person, firm, or entity in violation is "non-responsive", and same shall not be considered for award.

2.4 CLARIFICATION & ADDENDA

Proposers may submit requests for clarifications or interpretations regarding this RFP and the Contract. Proposers must prepare such requests in writing for the County's consideration as set forth in this section of this RFP. While the County has not placed an initial limitation on the number of requests which can be submitted, Proposers are cautioned that if Proposers do not request meaningful clarifications or interpretations in an organized manner (e.g., limited frequency of requests), the County will set restrictions on the frequency and number of requests permitted. The County will not respond to requests received after **October 18, 2005 at 5:00 PM**, local prevailing time. Proposers are advised that this section places no obligation on the part of the County to respond to any or all requests for clarification or interpretation, and that the County's failure to respond to any such request will not relieve the Proposer of any obligations or conditions required by this RFP.

Requests for clarification or interpretation regarding this RFP shall only be submitted in writing (letter, fax or email) to:

**Fulton County Department of Purchasing
Attn: William Long
Public Safety Building
130 Peachtree Street S.W. Suite 1168
Atlanta GA 30303
Email: william.long@co.fulton.ga.us
Telephone: 404-730-7660 or Fax 404-893-6268
RE: Financial Advisor Services, RFP05RFP210002C-BL**

All responses to written requests for clarification, interpretation, or additional information will be distributed as addenda to this RFP to all persons registered with the County to have received a copy of the RFP.

No oral interpretation, instruction, or information concerning this RFP given by any employee or agent of the County shall be binding on the County. Proposers who submit a proposal in reliance on any such oral information risk having their response to this RFP deemed non-responsive by the County. Only written responses issued by addendum to this RFP should be considered by the Proposers.

During the period provided for the preparation of Proposals, the County may issue addenda to this RFP. These addenda will be numbered consecutively and will be distributed to those who have been issued a copy of this RFP. Additionally, the addenda will be posted on the Fulton County website, www.co.fulton.ga.us. These addenda will be issued by, or on behalf of, the County and will constitute a part of this RFP. Each Proposer is required to acknowledge by submitting an executed acknowledgment form included as Technical Proposal Form 2. This acknowledgment shall include all addenda distributed prior to the Proposal Submission Date. All responses to this RFP shall be prepared with full consideration of the addenda issued prior to the Proposal Submission Date.

2.5 TERM OF CONTRACT

The initial term of the contract shall be limited to advance refunding of the Water and Sewer 1998 Series Revenue Bonds and the 1999 Certificates of Participation beginning with the date approved by the Board of Commissioners and terminating 90 days after the bond closing date or upon completion of all post closing documents. Please note that the financial advisor will be retained until the issuance of the bonds or until the county determines that the project is not viable or experiences significant delays.

2.6 REQUIRED SUBMITTALS

This is a checklist for the forms and affidavits that must be submitted. This section does not contain instructions for submission.

- Technical Proposal
- Cost Proposal
- Certification of Acceptance of Proposal Requirements
- Receipt of Addenda
- Procurement Affidavits
 - Certification Regarding Debarment
 - Non-Collusion Affidavit of Prime Offeror
 - Non-Collusion Affidavit of Subcontractor
- Insurance and Risk Management Provisions
- Contract Compliance Forms
 - Exhibit A - Promise of Non-Discrimination
 - Exhibit B - Employment Report

- Exhibit C - Schedule of Intended Subcontractor Utilization
- Exhibit D - Letter of Intent to Perform As a Subcontractor
- Exhibit E - Declaration Regarding subcontractor Practices
- Exhibit F - Joint Venture Disclosure Affidavit
- Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan

2.7 PROPOSAL EVALUATION

All proposals will be evaluated using the criteria specified in Section 4 of this RFP. Selection will include an analysis of proposals by a selection committee composed of two members from the Finance Department and one Purchasing Staff who will review the proposal submittals in accordance with the submittal requirements and the evaluation criteria set forth in Section 4 of this RFP. The committee may request oral interviews and/or site visits.

2.8 DISQUALIFICATION OF PROPOSERS

The submission of more than one (1) proposal to the County as the primary Proposer or member of a joint venture for the same work by and individual firm, partnership or corporation under the same or different names may be considered as sufficient for disqualification of a Proposer and the rejection of the proposal.

2.9 RESERVED RIGHTS

The County reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals, to waive irregularities and technicalities, and to request resubmission. Any sole response that is received may or may not be rejected by the County depending on available competition and timely needs of the County. There is no obligation on the part of the County to award the contract to the lowest proposer and the County reserves the right to award the contract to the responsible proposers submitting responsive proposals with resulting agreements most advantageous and in the best interest of the County. The County shall be the sole judge of the proposals and the resulting agreements that are in its best interest and its decision shall be final. Also, the County reserves the right to make such investigation as it deems necessary to determine the ability of any proposer to perform the work or service requested. Information the County deems necessary to make this determination shall be provided by the proposer. Such information may include, but shall not be limited to, current financial statements by an independent CPA; verification of availability of personnel; and past performance records.

2.10 APPLICABLE LAWS

All applicable laws and regulations of the State of Georgia and ordinances and regulations of Fulton County shall apply. Protestors shall seek resolution of their complaints in the manner provided in the Fulton County Code of Laws §2-324 which is incorporated by reference herein.

2.11 MINIMUM PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIME CONTRACTORS

Pursuant to Fulton County Code 102-357, Prime Bidders on the project must perform no less than 51% of the scope of work required under the project.

2.12 INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS

Insurance and Risk Management provisions and Indemnification and Hold Harmless provisions are outlined in Section 7 of this RFP.

2.13 ACCURACY OF RFP AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

The County assumes no responsibility that the specified technical and background information presented in this RFP, or otherwise distributed or made available during this procurement process, is complete or accurate. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the County will not be bound by or be responsible for any explanation or interpretation of the Proposal documents other than those given in writing as an addendum to this RFP.

Should a recipient of this RFP find discrepancies in or omissions from this RFP and related documents, the recipient of this RFP shall immediately notify the Purchasing Contact Person identified in Section 1.10 in writing at the following address: Fulton County Purchasing Department, Public Safety Bldg, 130 Peachtree Street S.E., Suite 1168 Atlanta, GA 30303. A written addendum, if necessary, then will be made available to each recipient of this RFP.

2.14 RESPONSIBILITY OF PROPOSER

Each Proposer is encouraged to conduct all necessary investigations and review all available and relevant data and information, which are necessary in its judgment in order to assume this responsibility prior to the submittal of its Proposal. Proposers are reminded of Fulton County's **"No Contact During Procurement"** policy and may only contact the person designated by the RFP.

2.15 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

If any Proposal contains technical, financial, or other confidential information that the Proposer believes is exempt from disclosure, the Proposer must clearly label the specific portions sought to be kept confidential and specify on what the exemption is based. The County, at its sole discretion and subject to applicable law, will determine whether such exemption applies. The County has sole discretion to make such determination regarding the disclosure of information, and by responding to this RFP, Proposers waive any challenge to the County's decisions in this regard. Marking all or substantially all of a Proposal as confidential may result in the Proposer being deemed non-responsive to this RFP.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Proposers recognize and agree that the County, its staff, and its Consultants will not be responsible or liable in any way for any losses that the Proposer may suffer from the disclosure of information or materials to third parties.

2.16 COUNTY RIGHTS AND OPTIONS

This RFP constitutes an invitation to submit Proposals to the County. Without limitation or penalty, the County reserves and holds at its sole discretion, the following rights and options:

- This RFP does not obligate the County to select, procure or contract for any services whatsoever
- The County reserves the right to change or alter the schedule for any events associated with this procurement and, if required, notify the Proposers. A Proposer, by submitting a Proposal, agrees to be bound by any modifications made by the County
- All costs incurred by a Proposer in connection with responding to this RFP, the evaluation and selection process undertaken in connection with this procurement, and any negotiations with the County will be borne by the Proposer.
- The County reserves the right to reject all Proposals and components thereof to eliminate all Proposers responding to this RFP from further consideration for this procurement, and to notify such Proposers of the County's determination.
- The County may cancel this RFP without the substitution of another RFP and terminate this procurement at any time without any liability whatsoever.
- The County reserves the right to waive any technicalities or irregularities in the Proposals.

- The County reserves the right to eliminate any Proposer who submits incomplete or inadequate responses or is not responsive to the requirements of this RFP.
- The County may request Proposers to send representatives to the County for interviews and presentations.
- To the extent deemed appropriate by the County, the County may select and enter into discussion and negotiations with the Proposer(s) submitting Proposal(s), which are found to be reasonably susceptible for award.
- The County reserves the right to discontinue negotiations with any selected Proposer.
- The County reserves the right, without prior notice, to supplement, amend, or otherwise modify this RFP.
- All Proposals (other than portions thereof subject to patent or copyright protection) become the property of the County and will not be returned, and the County reserves the right to utilize all such information contained in the Proposals without further cost to the County
- The County may add to or delete from the Project Scope of Work set forth in this RFP.
- Any and all Proposals not received by the Proposal Submission Date shall be rejected and returned unopened.
- Neither the County, its staff, its representatives, nor any of its consultants or attorneys will be liable for any claims or damages resulting from the solicitation, collection, review, or evaluation of responses to this RFP.
- The County, including its representatives and consultants, reserves the right to visit and examine any of the facilities referenced in any Proposal and to observe and investigate the operations of such facilities.
- The County reserves the right to conduct investigations of the Proposers and their responses to this RFP and to request additional evidence to support the information included in any such response.

By responding to this RFP, Proposers acknowledge and consent to the rights and conditions set forth in this RFP.

2.17 COST OF PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Each Proposal, including preparation of all information required to be included in a Proposal pursuant to this RFP, shall be prepared at the sole cost and expense (including, but not limited to, engineering and legal costs) of the Proposer. In addition, the Proposer shall be solely responsible for all costs (including engineering and legal costs) incurred by such Proposer in connection with this selection process, including any costs incurred by the Proposer in any subsequent negotiations entered into in connection with developing the Proposal. There shall be no claims whatsoever against the County, its staff, or its consultants for reimbursement for the costs or expenses (including, but not limited to, engineering and legal costs) incurred during the preparation of the Proposal or other information required by this RFP or procurement process or in connection with the selection process or any negotiations.

2.18 TERMINATION OF NEGOTIATIONS

The County at its sole discretion may, at any time, to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, exclude a Proposer from further participation in any negotiation process if the County determines that such Proposer is failing to progress in the negotiations or if the terms of its Proposal are less advantageous than those of other Proposers and such Proposer is deemed to be no longer susceptible of selection. The County will give written notice of its decision to the Proposer, which shall be sent in writing, signed by the County.

2.19 WAGE CLAUSE

Pursuant to 102-391, Each Contractor shall agree that in the performance of the Contract he will comply with all lawful agreements, if any, which the Contractor had made with any association, union, or other entity, with respect to wages, salaries, and working conditions, so as not to cause inconvenience, picketing, or work stoppage.

2.20

FULTON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS
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Financial Advisor Services

The following information pertains to the submission of a proposal to Fulton County ("County"), and contains instructions on how proposals must be presented in order to be considered. If specific conditions or instructions in the text of the Request for Proposal ("RFP") conflict with the General Requirements as listed here, those conditions or instructions in the RFP shall prevail.

1. Proposals submitted in response to the attached RFP must be formatted as specified in the RFP. Additional sheets, literature, etc., should be clearly identified.
2. The original and the required number of copies of the proposal must be returned to:

Fulton County Purchasing Agent
Fulton County Purchasing Department
130 Peachtree Street, S.W., Suite 1168
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
3. The envelope in which the proposal is submitted must be sealed and clearly labeled with the RFP project name and number, due date and time, and the name of the company or individual submitting the proposal. Proposals must be received by the opening date and time shown on this RFP in order to be considered. The Purchasing Agent has no obligation to consider proposals which are not in properly marked envelopes. The Technical Proposal, Cost Proposal and Contract Compliance submittals shall be submitted in separate sealed envelopes. The inclusion of any cost information in the Technical Proposal may result in such proposal being rejected by the County.
4. Proposals received after the time and date specified will not be opened or considered.
5. By submitting a signed proposal, Offeror agrees to accept an award made as a result of the submission of the prices and terms contained in that proposal. Prices proposed must be audited by the Offeror to insure correctness before the proposal is submitted. Person signing the proposal is responsible for the accuracy of information in it. The specifications, provisions, and the terms and conditions of the RFP and proposal shall become a valid contract between Fulton County and the Offeror upon notice of award of contract in writing and/or issuance of a purchase order.
6. Any contract awarded as a result of this proposal, shall comply fully with all Local, State, and Federal laws and regulations.
7. Absolutely no fax proposals or reproduction proposals will be accepted, except that if multiple copies of the proposal are required, photocopies of the original may be submitted as the additional copies, provided that they are clearly marked as such.

8. Type or neatly print company name, as well as the full legal name and title of the person signing the proposal, in all appropriate places. The Offeror's signature must be executed by a Principal of the company duly authorized to make contracts and bind the company to all terms being proposed.
9. Proposals may be withdrawn upon receipt of a written request prior to the stated due date and time. If a firm seeks to withdraw a proposal after the due date and time, the firm must present a notarized statement indicating that an error was made, with an explanation of how it occurred. The withdrawal request must be accompanied by documentation supporting the claim. Prior to approving or disapproving the request, an opinion will be obtained from Fulton County's Legal Counsel indicating whether the firm is bound by its proposal.

Proposals for projects that are solicited pursuant to the Georgia Local Government Public Works Construction Law (O.C.G.A. § 36-91-1 et seq.) may be withdrawn as follows:

The County must advise Offerors in the request for proposals of the number of days that Offerors will be required to honor their proposals. If an Offeror is not selected within 60 days of opening the proposals, any Offeror that is determined by the governmental entity to be unlikely of being selected for contract award will be released from the proposal.

10. Show information and prices in the format requested. Prices are to be quoted F.O.B. destination, and must include all costs chargeable to the Offeror in executing the contract, including taxes. Unless otherwise provided in the Contract, Fulton County shall have no liability for any cost not included in the price. The Offeror shall provide Fulton County the benefit through a reduction in price of any decrease in the Offeror's costs by reason of tax exemptions based upon Fulton County's status as a tax-exempt entity.
11. Propose all items specified or indicate under each item what alternative is being proposed and why it should be considered in lieu of the original specification. Failures to indicate any exceptions shall be interpreted as the Offeror's intent to fully comply with the specifications as written. Conditional or qualified proposals (except as specifically allowed in the specifications) are subject to rejection in whole or in part.
12. Fulton County shall be the sole judge of the quality and the applicability of all proposals. Design, features, overall quality, local facilities, terms and other pertinent considerations will be taken into account in determining acceptability.
13. The successful Offeror must assume full responsibility for delivery of all goods and services proposed and agree to relieve Fulton County of all responsibility and costs for prosecuting claims.
14. The successful Offeror must assume full responsibility for replacement of all defective or damaged goods and/or performance of contracted services within thirty (30) days notice by the County of such defect, damage or deficiency.
15. The successful Offeror must assume full responsibility for providing warranty service on all goods, materials, or equipment provided to the County with warranty coverage.

Should a vendor be other than the manufacturer, the vendor and not the County is responsible for contacting the manufacturer. The Offeror is solely responsible for arranging for the service to be performed.

16. The successful Offeror shall be responsible for the proper training and certification of personnel used in the performance of the services proposed.
17. The successful Offeror shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet, or otherwise dispose of any contract resulting from the RFP or of any of all of its rights, title or interest therein without prior written consent of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners.
18. Proposals must contain references which reflect successful completion of contracts for the types of goods, materials, equipment, or services for which the vendor is submitting a proposal to the County. In instances where that does not apply, the proposal must contain a statement and supporting documentation demonstrating such expertise, knowledge, or experience to establish the vendor submitting the proposal as capable of meeting the demands of the proposal should an award be made to them.
19. Offerors submitting proposals may be required to furnish evidence that they maintain permanent places of business of a type and nature compatible with their proposal, and are in all respects competent and eligible vendors, able to fulfill the terms of the specifications. Fulton County may make such investigations as it deems necessary to determine the ability of the Offeror to perform such work, and reserves the right to reject any proposal if evidence fails to indicate that the proposed vendor is qualified to carry out the obligation of the contract and to complete the work satisfactorily.
20. By submitting a signed proposal, Offeror certifies that there has been no collusion with any other Offeror. Reasonable grounds for believing Offeror has an interest in more than one proposal will result in rejection of all proposals in which the Offeror has an interest. Any party to collusion may not be considered in future proposals for the same or similar work.
21. Upon notice of selection, the Offeror submitting the proposal is obligated to perform. Should a successful Offeror refuse to enter into a contract subsequent to an award, a penalty may be assessed and/or the Offeror may be found to be "non-responsible" in the future.
22. In case of default by the successful Offeror, Fulton County may procure the articles or services from another source and hold the successful Vendor responsible for any resultant excess cost.
23. Successful Offerors contract directly with the County and are the party or parties obligated to perform. Contracts may not be assigned and any failure to perform the Contract in accordance with the specifications will constitute a breach of contract and may result in an Offeror being found to be "non-responsible" in the future.
24. Invoice(s) must list each item separately and must show Fulton County's purchase order number as well as the proper department and address to whom the service or product was provided.

25. Fulton County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, or any part thereof, and to waive any technicalities. Fulton County reserves the right to award a contract based on this RFP and the proposal(s) received (in whole or in part) to one or several Vendors.
26. Awards will not necessarily be based on cost alone. Other factors, as detailed in the RFP, will be considered in determining what proposal will be deemed to best meet the needs of Fulton County.
27. All proposals and bids submitted to Fulton County are subject to the Georgia "Open Records Act", Official Code of Georgia, Annotated (O.C.G.A.) § 50-18-70 et seq.
28. All proposals and bids submitted to Fulton County involving Utility Contracting are subject to the Georgia law governing licensing of Utility Contractors, O.C.G.A. §43-14-8.2(h). The Utility Contractor License number of the person who will perform the utility work shall be written on the face of the bid envelope.
29. Prior to beginning any work, the successful Offeror shall furnish to Fulton County (for the contracting firm and for any subcontractors) a certificate from an insurance company showing issuance of Workers' compensation coverage for the State of Georgia or a certificated from the Georgia Workers' Compensation Board showing proof of ability to pay compensation directly.
30. It is the policy of Fulton County that the evaluation and award process for County contracts shall be free from both actual and perceived impropriety, and that contacts between potential vendors and County officials, elected officials and staff regarding pending awards of County contracts shall be prohibited.
 - A. No person, firm, or business entity, however situated or composed, obtaining a copy of or responding to this solicitation, shall initiate or continue any verbal or written communication regarding this solicitation with any County officer, elected official, employee, or designated County representative, between the date of the issuance of this solicitation and the date of the County Manager's recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for award of the subject contract, except as may otherwise be specifically authorized and permitted by the terms and conditions of this solicitation.
 - B. All verbal and written communications initiated by such person, firm, or entity regarding this solicitation, if same are authorized and permitted by the terms and conditions of this solicitation, shall be directed to the Purchasing Agent.
 - C. Any violation of this prohibition of the initiation or continuation of verbal or written communications with County officers, elected officials, employees, or designated County representatives shall result in a written finding by the Purchasing Agent that the submitted bid or proposal of the person, firm, or entity in violation is "non-responsive", and same shall not be considered for award.
31. Any Offeror intending to respond to this solicitation as a Joint Venture must submit an executed Joint Venture Agreement with this offer. This agreement must

designate those persons or entities authorized to execute documents or otherwise bind the Joint Venture in all transactions with Fulton County, or be accompanied by a document, binding upon the Joint Venture and its constituent members, making such designation. Offers from Joint Ventures that do not include these documents will be rejected as being “non-responsive”.

32. Any Offeror intending to respond to this solicitation must complete all of the Procurement Affidavit Forms provided in Section 5. Proposals that do not include these completed documents will be rejected as being “non-responsive”.

SECTION 3 PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

3.1 SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

3.1.1 Proposal Submission Date and Submittal Format

All Proposals, including all attachments, must be received by the County in a sealed package no later than **Wednesday, October 26, 2005 at 11:00 A.M.** and must be addressed to:

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP 05RFP210002C-BL
Fulton County Department of Purchasing
Public Safety Building
130 Peachtree Street S.E. Suite 1168
Atlanta GA 30303**

The Proposal shall consist of a Technical Proposal, a Cost Proposal and executed Contract Compliance Exhibits (A-F) and Procurement Affidavits. The Technical Proposal shall include proposer information, technical information, business-related information, and any Technical Proposal forms requested. The Cost Proposal shall include the Cost Proposal Forms and any information describing the basis for pricing and must be separately, sealed, marked and packaged.

The required content of the Technical Proposal and Price Proposal is further specified in this section of the RFP. The Proposal must be signed and acknowledged by the Proposer, including certain information to be provided under oath as required under applicable law, in accordance with the instructions herein and the various proposal forms.

THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL, THE COST PROPOSAL AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE EXHIBITS SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN SEPARATE, SEALED ENVELOPES OR PACKAGES. THE INCLUSION OF ANY COST INFORMATION IN THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL MAY RESULT IN SUCH PROPOSAL BEING REJECTED BY THE COUNTY.

Each envelope or package shall be clearly marked as follows:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP 05RFP210002C-BL
Financial Advisor Services
Proposer's Name and Address

3.1.2 Number of Copies

Proposers shall submit one (1) original and three (3) copies each of the Technical and Cost Proposals. Proposers shall submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of the Contract Compliance Exhibits. All proposals must be complete with all requested information.

3.2 OVERVIEW OF PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposers shall submit Proposals in accordance with the content and format requirements set forth in this RFP. Proposals should be clearly organized and structured in a manner that allows materials included in the document to be located easily.

Each of the instructions set forth in this section must be followed for a Proposal to be deemed responsive to this RFP. In all cases, the County reserves the right to determine, at its sole discretion, whether any aspect of the Proposal meets the requirements set forth in this section. The County reserves the right to reject any Proposal, which in its judgment, does not comply with these Proposal submission requirements.

3.3 SCOPE OF WORK

The primary role of the financial advisor is to assist the Fulton County Finance Department by providing independent advice in the planning, structuring, sizing, and timing of a debt financing plan. The advisor also serves as an intermediary between the County and various other parties, such as lawyers, auditors, printers, rating agencies, trustee, etc. who will be assembled to successfully complete the financing under the best possible terms for the County.

The financial advisor must provide the full scope of financial advisory services necessary to fulfill its role and must assume responsibility for coordinating any financing activities. Any qualified financial advisor will be expected to perform, at a minimum, the following services as they relate to financial advisor services:

1. Review of existing debt structure and financial resources of Fulton County to determine available borrowing capacity.
2. Design all features of the bond issue and perform all functions to facilitate the marketing and sale of the bond issue, such as, but not limited to, the following:
 - 2.01 Recommend sizing, timing, structuring, maturity schedules, types of bonds, coupon rates, registration, call features, etc.

- 2.02 Coordinate and prepare all official statements, advertisements, bond calendar, and notice of sale for bond issue in conjunction with bond counsel and the Fulton County Board of Commissioners.
- 2.03 Assist at bond closings and coordinate the printing, signing, and delivery of bonds as well as expedite the transfer of funds.
- 3. Assist with the preparation of cash flow forecasts for proposed bond issues addressing debt service requirements and sources of funding including compliance with arbitrage requirements.
- 4. Advise on the benefits of a fixed or variable rate type financing.
- 5. Assist in the selection of the investment banking firm(s).
- 6. Assist in negotiating rates, management fees, bond discount, expenses, etc. associated with a negotiated sale. Assist in negotiation of expenses associated with a competitive sale.
- 7. Coordinate applications for credit ratings in order to obtain the highest possible credit rating; specifically by maintaining open communication with rating agencies regarding Fulton County and preparing presentation packages. Prepare applications for bond insurance, letter of credit, and other credit enhancement devices. Analyze the savings which will result from the use of recommended credit enhancement devices. Assist with presentations as requested.
- 8. Advise on proposed and actual changes in tax laws and changes in financial markets that could affect the bond financing plans.
- 9. Assist in selecting trustees, paying agents, remarketing agents, and other financial intermediaries, including bond counsel as necessary.
- 10. Consult as needed with Fulton County and its financial personnel regarding various financing options or problems.

3.4 TECHNICAL PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENT

The Technical Proposal shall be arranged and include content as described below:

A. Organization Description

Briefly state the firm's understanding of the work to be performed.

Provide a narrative of the organization, staffing, experience, and personnel assigned to this project. Specifically identify the primary representative who will have day to day responsibility for the project.

Prepare and submit an organization structure of the firm and location of personnel who would provide service to Fulton County. Include geographical locations and resumes of assigned personnel. Indicate the service(s) and demonstrated experience the assigned personnel would provide to Fulton County.

B. References

Provide a minimum of three (3) public-sector references, contact names and telephone numbers that may be contacted regarding the firm's performance. Indicate the role of the personnel to be assigned to Fulton County with each reference.

C. Financial Statements

Provide an audited financial statement for the last two years by a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

D. Work History

Provide a description of experience that the firm has had with contracts similar to the one described herein. Include contact person, name of company and telephone number other than members of the firm that can be contacted regarding this contract.

E. Qualifications

- a. List all financial advisory relationships of the firm for the last two (2) years. Indicate the role of the personnel to be assigned to Fulton County in each relationship. The listing should briefly describe the work performed and must include the issuer, the dollar amount, the type of financing, and method of sale (competitive or negotiated).
- b. Describe the firm's experience with other forms of financing for capital improvements (i.e., taxable bonds, tax districts, leasing, etc.). Provide specific examples.
- c. Outline the firm's experience during the past two years with the major rating agencies and discuss its potential applicability to the County.

Identify the role assigned personnel played in agency presentations.

- d. Indicate the firm's technical and legal support services including computer and analytical resources. Describe specific computer modeling/software capabilities.
- e. Provide specimen of official statements pertaining to tax exempt bond issues over \$10 million developed by the firm with other governmental units (limit to three exhibits).
- f. Disclose any relationships as Financial Advisor, past or present, which would present a possible conflict of interest with the role as Financial Advisor for the County. For each of the disclosed relationships, provide the term and nature of the relationship. Please be advised that the practice of acting as an agent or representative of the bidder for the purpose of submitting a bid proposal will not be allowed.
- g. Provide information on the nature and magnitude of any litigation or proceeding during the past two years, whereby a court or any administrative agency has ruled against the firm or any of the personnel assigned to the County in any matter related to the professional activities of the firm or of the individual. Give information on the nature and magnitude of any litigation or proceeding currently pending or to the knowledge of the firm threatened in connection with the professional activities of the firm.
- h. Discuss the firm's present workload, particularly the workload of the personnel to be assigned, as it relates to the amount of time required to perform the services under this proposal. Indicate the commitment level the County can expect concerning the availability of the primary and secondary advisors.
- i. Describe how the firm will provide the services listed in Section 3.3 Scope of Work.
- j. Any prospective firm must make an affirmative statement to the effect that their retention, if selected, shall not result in a conflict of interest with any party which may be affected under this program. The firm will be precluded by the terms of the agreement from participating as representatives for or as bond trustee, paying agent, underwriter, or in any manner other than as the financial advisor for bond issues of Fulton County. Alternatively, should any potential or existing conflict be known by a prospective advisor, said advisor must specify the party with which the conflict exists or might arise, the nature of the conflict, and whether the prospective advisor would or would not step aside or resign from that engagement or representation, creating the conflict in favor of the County.

- k. Any prospective firm must make an affirmative statement to the effect that their retention, if selected, is limited to providing financial advisory services only and is prohibited from placement of request for financing with any firm or individual who has any relationship with the selected firm.
- l. Provide any other information which would assist Fulton County in evaluation of the firm's qualifications.

F. Current Workload

Identify the existing workload of personnel to be assigned to the Fulton County Water and Sewer Revenue Bond and Certificates of participation issue. Identify the amount of time the assigned personnel (particularly the day to day contact) would be available to commit to this issue.

3.5 COST PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENT

The Price Proposal shall be provided in a **separate sealed envelope**.

The Price Proposal shall include current information and shall be arranged and include content as described below:

Section 1 - Introduction

The Proposer shall include an introduction which outlines the contents of the Cost Proposal.

Section 2 - Completed Cost Proposal Forms

The Proposer is required to complete the Cost Proposal Form included in Section 3 of the RFP. The County will pay the Contractor based on a flat/fixed fee per issuance. The Contractor agrees that the amount to be paid for Financial Advisor services during the Contract Term shall be fixed regardless of the number of hours spent in the performance of the work associated with the project. All fees will be contingent on the issuance of the proposed bonds.

Any and all out-of-pocket expenses for firm personnel (e.g. travel, lodging and subsistence) will not be reimbursed by Fulton County. All estimated out-of-pocket should be considered within your firm's proposed fees.

COST PROPOSAL FORM

Financial Advisor

05RFP210002C-BL

Please complete the fee schedule attached as Exhibit 1. Fee proposals should be submitted in a separate sealed envelope/package for the detailed proposal. All fees quoted should be inclusive of any and all incidental costs including travel.

EXHIBIT 1

Cost Proposal for Financial Advisor Services:

Flat/Fixed Fee

Water and Sewer 1998 Revenue Bond Issue
Issuance Size not to exceed \$275,000,000.

\$ _____

1999 Certificates of Participation
Issuance Size not to exceed \$127,000,000

\$ _____

TOTAL

\$ _____

SECTION 4 EVALUATION CRITERIA

4.1 PROPOSAL EVALUATION – SELECTION CRITERIA

BASIS OF AWARD

The award of this contract will be made by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County to the responsible Offeror whose proposal is determined, upon written recommendation by the County Manager, the Purchasing Agent and the Director of Finance, to be in the best interest of the Fulton County. Consideration is made for price, experience, expertise, location, references, and other evaluation factors set forth in the Request for Proposal. A Selection Committee shall rank the proposals and make recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for award of the contract. Determinations shall be based on the following criteria and relevant weights of importance:

	Evaluation Criteria	Weight
A.	Qualifications as requested in Section 3.4 of the proposal.	40%
B.	Quality and responsiveness of the written proposal.	25%
C.	Proposed Fee Schedule for bond issues.	20%
D.	Local Preference: Proposers with office located inside Fulton County will be given full credit. All others located outside Fulton County will not receive credit.	10%
E.	Satisfaction level of previous and current clients.	5%
	TOTAL POINTS	100%

SECTION 5 PROPOSAL FORMS

5.1 INTRODUCTION

To be deemed responsive to this RFP, Proposers must provide the information requested and complete in detail all Proposal Forms. The appropriate individual(s) authorized to commit the Proposer to the Project must sign the Proposal Forms. Proposers should reproduce each Proposal Form, as required, and complete the appropriate portions of the forms provided in this section.

Procurement Affidavits

Procurement Affidavit Form 1	Certification Regarding Debarment
Procurement Affidavit Form 2	Form A: Non-Collusion Affidavit (Prime) Form B: Sub-Contractor Non-Collusion Affidavit
Procurement Affidavit Form 3	Certificate of Acceptance of Request for Proposal Requirements

5.2 PROCUREMENT AFFIDAVIT FORMS DESCRIPTION

The following paragraphs present an overview of each Procurement Affidavit Form required.

5.2.1 Certification Regarding Debarment

Proposer shall complete and submit Form 1, which certifies that neither it nor its subcontractors are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or otherwise excluded from doing business with any government agency.

5.2.2 Non-Collusion Affidavit

The Proposal shall include a copy of Proposal Form 2A, executed by an authorized officer of the corporation. Proposals developed by a joint venture shall be similarly executed by all joint venture participants. Additionally, all sub-contractors shall execute a copy of Proposal Form 2B which shall also be submitted with the proposal.

5.2.3 Certificate of Acceptance of Request for Proposal Requirements

Proposer shall complete and submit Form 3, which certifies that Proposer has read the solicitation including all addenda, exhibits, attachments and appendices.

AFFADAVIT 1 - **CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT**

- (1) The Offeror certifies that neither it or its subcontractors is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or otherwise excluded from doing business with any government agency. Any such exclusion may cause prohibition of your firm from participating in any procurement by the Fulton County Government.
- (2) If the Offeror is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such Offeror or subcontractor shall attach an explanation to this bid or proposal.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION

By signing and submitting this certification, the Offeror is providing the certification set out below:

- (1) The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed. If it is later determined that the prospective vendor knowingly rendered a false certification, the Purchasing Agent may pursue all available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment, for withdrawal of award or termination of a contract.
- (2) The prospective Offeror shall provide immediate written notice to the Purchasing Agent if at anytime the Offeror learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- (3) Offeror shall be under a continuing duty to immediately inform the Purchasing Agent in writing of any changes, if as a result of such changes, the Offeror certification regarding debarment is affected.

DEBARMENT ORDINANCE

The following Section 2-322 of Fulton County Code of Laws establishes the procedure for the debarment of contractors.

(a) *Authority to suspend.*

After reasonable notice to the entity involved and reasonable opportunity for that entity to be heard, the Purchasing Agent, after consultation with user department, the County Manager and the County Attorney shall have the authority to suspend an entity for cause from consideration for award of county contracts. As used in this section, the term entity means any business entity, individual, firm, contractor, subcontractor or business corporation, partnership, limited liability corporation, firm, contractor, subcontractor or business structured; provided, further, that any such entity shall also be subject to suspension under this section if any of its constituents, members, subcontractors at any tier of such entity's and the entity, or any constituent or member, knew or should have known of the commission of the act. The suspension shall be for a period not to exceed three (3) years unless cause is based on a felony conviction for an offense related or associated with fraudulent contracting or misappropriation of funds wherein the suspension shall not exceed seven (7) years.

(b) *Causes for Suspension.* The causes for suspension include:

- (1) Conviction for commission of a criminal offense as an incident to obtain or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or subcontract, or in performance of such contract or subcontract;
- (2) Conviction of state or federal statutes of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property or other offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty which currently, seriously and directly affects responsibility as a county contractor.

- (3) Conviction of state or federal anti-trust statutes arising out of the solicitation and submission of bids and proposals;
- (4) Violation of contract provisions, as set forth below, of a character which is regarded by the Purchasing Agent to be so serious as to justify suspension action:
 - a. Failure to perform in accordance with the specifications within a time limit provided in a county contract;
 - b. A recent record of failure to perform or unsatisfactory performance in accordance with the terms of one or more contracts; provided, that failure to perform or unsatisfactory performance caused by acts beyond the control of the contractor shall not be considered to be a basis for suspension;
 - c. Material representation of the composition of the ownership or workforce or business entity certified to the county as a minority business enterprise; or
 - d. Falsification of any documents.
- (5) For violation of the ethical standards set forth in Fulton County Code Chapter 9, Code of Ethics.
- (6) Knowing misrepresentation to the county, of the use which a majority owned contractor intends to make a minority business enterprise (a business entity at least 51 percent of which is owned and controlled by minority persons, as defined in Fulton County Code Chapter 6, Article B, Minority Business Enterprise Affirmative Action Program and certified as such by the county), as a sub-contractor or a joint venture partner, in performing work under contract with the county.

Failure to fully and truthfully provide the information required, may result in the disqualification of your bid/proposal from consideration or termination of the Contract, once awarded. This document must be completed and included as a part of the bid/proposal package along with other required documents.

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have examined this certification and all attachments hereto, if applicable, to the best of my knowledge and belief, and all statements contained hereto are true, correct, and complete.

On this _____ day of _____, 2005

(Legal Name of Offeror) (Date)

(Signature of Authorized Representative) (Date)

(Title)

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF FULTON

AFFADAVIT 2A - NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT OF BIDDER/OFFEROR

I, _____ certify that pursuant to Fulton County Code Section 2-320 (11), this bid or proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a bid for the same work, labor or service to be done or the supplies, materials or equipment to be furnished and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I understand collusive bidding is a violation of state and federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences and civil damages awards. I agree to abide by all conditions of this bid or proposal and certify that I am authorized to sign this bid or proposal for the bidder.

Affiant further states that pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 36-91-21 (d) and (e), _____ has not, by itself or with others, directly or indirectly, prevented or attempted to prevent competition in such bidding or proposals by any means whatsoever. Affiant further states that (s)he has not prevented or endeavored to prevent anyone from making a bid or offer on the project by any means whatever, nor has Affiant caused or induced another to withdraw a bid or offer for the work.

Affiant further states that the said offer of _____ is bona fide, and that no one has gone to any supplier and attempted to get such person or company to furnish the materials to the bidder only, or if furnished to any other bidder, that the material shall be at a higher price.

(COMPANY NAME)

(PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 200__.

(SECRETARY/ASSISTANT SECRETARY)

(Affix corporate seal here, if a corporation)

Notary Public: _____

County: _____

Commission Expires: _____

NOTE:

IF THE OFFEROR IS A PARTNERSHIP, ALL OF THE PARTNERS AND ANY OFFICER, AGENT, OR OTHER PERSON WHO MAY HAVE REPRESENTED OR ACTED FOR THEM IN BIDDING FOR OR PROCURING THE CONTRACT SHALL ALSO MAKE THIS OATH.

IF THE OFFEROR IS A CORPORATION, ALL OFFICERS, AGENTS, OR OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY HAVE ACTED FOR OR REPRESENTED THE CORPORATION IN BIDDING FOR OR PROCURING THE CONTRACT SHALL MAKE THE OATH.

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF FULTON

AFFADAVIT 2B - NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT OF SUBCONTRACTOR

I, _____ certify that pursuant to Fulton County Code Section 2-320 (11), this bid or proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a bid for the same work, labor or service to be done or the supplies, materials or equipment to be furnished and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I understand collusive bidding is a violation of state and federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences and civil damages awards. I agree to abide by all conditions of this bid or proposal and certify that I am authorized to sign this bid or proposal for the bidder.

Affiant further states that pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 36-91-21 (d) and (e), _____ has not, by itself or with others, directly or indirectly, prevented or attempted to prevent competition in such bidding or proposals by any means whatsoever. Affiant further states that (s)he has not prevented or endeavored to prevent anyone from making a bid or offer on the project by any means whatever, nor has Affiant caused or induced another to withdraw a bid or offer for the work.

Affiant further states that the said offer of _____ is bona fide, and that no one has gone to any supplier and attempted to get such person or company to furnish the materials to the bidder only, or if furnished to any other bidder, that the material shall be at a higher price.

(COMPANY NAME)

(PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 200__.

(SECRETARY/ASSISTANT SECRETARY)

(Affix corporate seal here, if a corporation)

Notary Public: _____

County: _____

Commission Expires: _____

NOTE:

IF THE OFFEROR IS A PARTNERSHIP, ALL OF THE PARTNERS AND ANY OFFICER, AGENT, OR OTHER PERSON WHO MAY HAVE REPRESENTED OR ACTED FOR THEM IN BIDDING FOR OR PROCURING THE CONTRACT SHALL ALSO MAKE THIS OATH.

IF THE OFFEROR IS A CORPORATION, ALL OFFICERS, AGENTS, OR OTHER PERSONS WHO MAY HAVE ACTED FOR OR REPRESENTED THE CORPORATION IN BIDDING FOR OR PROCURING THE CONTRACT SHALL MAKE THE OATH.

**AFFADAVIT 3 - CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF REQUEST
FOR PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS**

This is to certify that on this day, offeror acknowledges that he/she has read this solicitation document, pages #_____ to #_____ inclusive, including any addenda # _____ to #_____ exhibit(s) #_____ to #_____, attachment(s) # to #_____, and/or appendices #_____ to #,_____in its entirety, and agrees that no pages or parts of the document have been omitted, that he/she understands, accepts and agrees to fully comply with the requirements therein, and that the undersigned is authorized by the offeror to submit the proposal herein and to legally obligate the offeror thereto.

Company:_____

Signature:_____

Name: _____

Title:_____ Date: _____

(Affix Corporate Seal)

SECTION 6

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

6.1 NON-DISCRIMINATION IN CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENTS

It is the policy of Fulton County Government that discrimination against businesses by reason of the race, color, gender or national origin of the ownership of any such business is prohibited. Furthermore, it is the policy of the Board of Commissioners ("Board") that Fulton County and all vendors and contractors doing business with Fulton County shall provide to all businesses the opportunity to participate in contracting and procurement paid, in whole or in part, with monetary appropriations of the Board. Similarly, it is the policy of the Board that the contracting and procurement practices of Fulton County should not implicate Fulton County as either an active or passive participant in the discriminatory practices engaged in by private contractors or vendors seeking to obtain contracts with Fulton County.

Equal Business Opportunity Plan (EBO Plan): In addition to the proposal submission requirements, each vendor must submit an Equal Business Opportunity Plan (EBO Plan) with their bid/proposal. The EBO Plan is designed to enhance the utilization of a particular racial, gender or ethnic group by a bidder/proposer, contractor, or vendor or by Fulton County. The respondent must outline a plan of action to encourage and achieve diversity and equality in the available procurement and contracting opportunities with *this solicitation*.

The EBO Plan must identify and include:

1. Potential opportunities within the scope of work of *this solicitation* that will allow for participation of racial, gender or ethnic groups.
2. Efforts that will be made by the bidder/proposer to encourage and solicit minority and female business utilization in *this solicitation*.

Fulton County encourages joint ventures, teaming, partnering and mentor-protégé relationships with minority and female businesses in an effort to achieve contracting and procurement diversity.

Prompt Payment: The prime contractor must certify in writing and must document on the Exhibit G Form (Prime Contractor/Subcontractor Utilization Report) that all subcontractors, sub-consultants and suppliers have been promptly paid for work and materials, (less any retainage by the prime contractor prior to receipt of any further progress payments). In the event the prime contractor is unable to pay subcontractors, sub-consultants or suppliers until it has received a progress payment from Fulton County, the prime contractor shall pay all subcontractors, sub-consultants or suppliers funds due from said progress payment within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of payment from Fulton County. In no event shall a subcontractor, sub-consultant or supplier be paid later than fifteen (15) days as provided for by state law.

6.2 REQUIRED FORMS AND EBO PLAN

In order to be compliant with the intent and provisions of the Fulton County Non-Discrimination in Purchasing and Contracting Ordinance (99-0960), bidders/proposers **must** submit the following completed documents. Failure to provide this information **shall** result in the proposal being deemed non-responsive.

- **Exhibit A** – Promise of Non-Discrimination
- **Exhibit B** – Employment Report
- **Exhibit C** – Schedule of Intended Subcontractor Utilization
- **Exhibit D** – Letter of Intent to Perform as a Subcontractor or Provide Materials or Services
- **Exhibit E** – Declaration Regarding Subcontractors Practices
- **Exhibit F** – Joint Venture Disclosure Affidavit
- **Equal Business Opportunity Plan (EBO Plan)** – This document is not a form. It is a statement created by the bidder/proposer on its company letter head addressing the EBO Plan requirements.

All Contract Compliance documents (Exhibits A – F and EBO Plan) are to be placed in a **separate sealed envelope** clearly marked “Contract Compliance”. The EBO Plan must be submitted on company letterhead. These documents are considered part of and should be submitted with the Technical Proposal.

The following document must be completed as instructed if awarded the project:

- **Exhibit G** – Prime Contractor’s Subcontractor Utilization Report

EXHIBIT A – PROMISE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

"Know all persons by these presents, that I/We (_____),
Name

Title Firm Name
Hereinafter "Company", in consideration of the privilege to bid on or obtain contracts funded, in whole or in part, by Fulton County, hereby consent, covenant and agree as follows:

- 1) No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefit of, or otherwise discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin or gender in connection with any bid submitted to Fulton County for the performance of any resulting there from,
- 2) That it is and shall be the policy of this Company to provide equal opportunity to all businesses seeking to contract or otherwise interested in contracting with this Company without regard to the race, color, gender or national origin of the ownership of this business,
- 3) That the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall be continuing in nature and shall remain in full force and effect without interruption,
- 4) That the promise of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall be made a part of, and incorporated by reference into, any contract or portion thereof which this Company may hereafter obtain,
- 5) That the failure of this Company to satisfactorily discharge any of the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall constitute a material breach of contract entitling the Board to declare the contract in default and to exercise any and all applicable rights and remedies, including but not limited to cancellation of the contract, termination of the contract, suspension and debarment from future contracting opportunities, and withholding and/or forfeiture of compensation due and owing on a contract; and
- 6) That the bidder shall provide such information as may be required by the Director of Contract Compliance pursuant to Section 4.4 of the Fulton County Non-Discrimination in Purchasing and Contracting Ordinance.

SIGNATURE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EXHIBIT B – EMPLOYMENT REPORT

The demographic employment make-up for the bidder/proposer **must** be identified and submitted with this bid/proposal. In addition, if subcontractors will be utilized by the bidder/proposer to complete this project, then the demographic employment make-up of the subcontractor(s) must be identified and submitted with this bid.

EMPLOYEES

CATEGORY	NATIVE AMERICAN		AFRICAN AMERICAN		ASIAN AMERICAN		HISPANIC AMERICAN		CAUCASIAN AMERICAN		OTHER	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Male/Female												
Mgmt/Official												
Professional												
Supervisors												
Office/ Clerical												
Craftsmen												
Laborers												
Other (specify)												
TOTALS												

FIRM'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

This completed form is for (Check one) ____ Bidder/Proposer ____ Subcontractor

Submitted by: _____ Date Completed: _____

EXHIBIT C - SCHEDULE OF INTENDED SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION

If the bidder/proposer intends to subcontract any portion of this scope of work/service(s), this form **must be** completed and **submitted with the bid/proposal**. All prime bidders/proposers **must** include Letter(s) of Intent (Exhibit D) in the bid document for all subcontractors who will be utilized under the scope of work/services.

Prime Bidder/Proposer: _____

ITB/RFP Number: _____

Project Name or Description of Work/Service(s): _____

1. My firm, as Prime Bidder/Proposer on this scope of work/service(s) is _____ is not _____ a minority or female owned and controlled business enterprise. (Please indicate below the portion of work, including, percentage of bid/proposal amount that your firm will carry out directly):

2. If the Prime Bidder/Proposer is a Joint Venture, please complete Exhibit F: Joint Venture Disclosure Affidavit and attach a copy of the executed Joint Venture Agreement.

3. Sub-Contractors (including suppliers) to be utilized in the performance of this scope of work/service(s), if awarded, are:

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____

WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____

DOLLAR VALUE OF WORK: \$ _____ PERCENTAGE VALUE: _____ %

*Ethnic Groups: African American (AABE); Asian American (ABE); Hispanic American (HBE); Native American (NABE); White Female American (WFBE); **If yes, please attach copy of recent certification.

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____
ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____
WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____
DOLLAR VALUE OF WORK: \$ _____ PERCENTAGE VALUE: _____ %

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____
ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____
WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____
DOLLAR VALUE OF WORK: \$ _____ PERCENTAGE VALUE: _____ %

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____
ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____
WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____
DOLLAR VALUE OF WORK: \$ _____ PERCENTAGE VALUE: _____ %

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____
ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____
WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____
DOLLAR VALUE OF WORK: \$ _____ PERCENTAGE VALUE: _____ %

***Ethnic Groups: African American (AABE); Asian American (ABE); Hispanic American (HBE); Native American (NABE); White Female American (WFBE); **If yes, please attach copy of recent certification.**

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Total Dollar Value of Subcontractor Agreements: (\$)

Total Percentage Value: (%)

CERTIFICATION: The undersigned certifies that he/she has read, understands and agrees to be bound by the Bid/Proposer provisions, including the accompanying Exhibits and other terms and conditions regarding sub-contractor utilization. The undersigned further certifies that he/she is legally authorized by the Bidder/Proposer to make the statement and representation in this Exhibit and that said statements and representations are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. The undersigned understands and agrees that if any of the statements and representations are made by the Bidder/Proposer knowing them to be false, or if there is a failure of the intentions, objectives and commitments set forth herein without prior approval of the County, then in any such event the Contractor's acts or failure to act, as the case may be, shall constitute a material breach of the contract, entitling the County to terminate the Contract for default. The right to so terminate shall be in addition to, and in lieu of, any other rights and remedies the County may have for other defaults under the contract.

Signature:_____ **Title:**_____

Firm or Corporate Name:_____

Address:_____

Telephone: ()_____

Fax Number: ()_____

Email Address:_____

EXHIBIT D

LETTER OF INTENT TO PERFORM AS A SUBCONTRACTOR OR PROVIDE MATERIALS OR SERVICES

This form **must** be completed by **ALL** known subcontractor and submitted with the bid/proposal. The Prime Contractor **must** submit Letters of Intent for **ALL** known subcontractors at time of bid submission.

To: _____
(Name of Prime Contractor Firm)

From: _____
(Name of Subcontractor Firm)

ITB/RFP Number: _____

Project Name: _____

The undersigned is prepared to perform the following described work or provide materials or services in connection with the above project (specify in detail particular work items, materials, or services to be performed or provided):

Description of Work	Project Commence Date	Project Completion Date	Estimated Dollar Amount

(Prime Bidder)

Signature _____

Title _____

Date _____

(Subcontractor)

Signature _____

Title _____

Date _____

EXHIBIT E - DECLARATION REGARDING SUBCONTRACTING PRACTICES

If the bidder/proposer **does not intend to subcontract** any portion of the scope of work services(s), this form **must be** completed and submitted with the bid/proposal.

_____ hereby declares that it is my/our intent to
(Bidder)

perform 100% of the work required for _____
(ITB/RFP Number)

(Description of Work)

In making this declaration, the bidder/proposer states the following:

1. That the bidder/proposer does not customarily subcontract elements of this type project, and normally performs and has the capability to perform and will perform **all elements** of the work on this project with his/her own current work forces;
2. If it should become necessary to subcontract some portion of the work at a later date, the bidder/proposer will comply with all requirements of the County's Non-Discrimination Ordinance in providing equal opportunities to all firms to subcontract the work. The determination to subcontract some portion of the work at a later date shall be made in good faith and the County reserves the right to require additional information to substantiate a decision made by the bidder/proposer to subcontract work following the award of the contract. Nothing contained in this provision shall be employed to circumvent the spirit and intent of the County's Non-Discrimination Ordinances;
3. The bidder will provide, upon request, information sufficient for the County to verify Item Number one.

AUTHORIZED COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

Name: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

EXHIBIT F - JOINT VENTURE DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT

ITB/RFP No. _____

Project Name _____

This form must be completed and submitted with the bid/proposal if a joint venture approach is to be undertaken.

In order to evaluate the extent of small, minority and female business involvement being proposed by a Bidder/Proposer, certain relevant information must be provided prior to contract award. The information requested below is to clearly identify and explain the extent of small business participation in the proposed joint venture. All items must be properly addressed before the business entity can be evaluated.

1. Firms:

1) Name of Business: _____

Street Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Nature of Business: _____

2) Name of Business: _____

Street Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Nature of Business: _____

3) Name of Business: _____

Street Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Nature of Business: _____

NAME OF JOINT VENTURE (If applicable): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PRINCIPAL OFFICE: _____

OFFICE PHONE: _____

Note: Attach additional sheets as required

1. Describe the capital contributions by each joint venturer and accounting thereof.
2. Describe the financial controls of the joint venture, e.g., will a separate cost center be established? Which venturer will be responsible for keeping the books? How will the expense therefore be reimbursed? What is the authority of each joint venture to commit or obligate the order?
3. Describe any ownership, options for ownership, or loans between the joint ventures. Identify terms thereof.
4. Describe the estimated contract cash flow for each joint venturer.
5. To what extent and by whom will the on-site work be supervised?
6. To what extent and by whom will the administrative office be supervised?
7. Which joint venturer will be responsible for material purchases including the estimated cost thereof? How will the purchase be financed?
8. Which joint venturer will provide equipment? What is the estimated cost thereof? How will the equipment be financed?
9. Describe the experience and business qualifications of each joint venturer.
10. Submit a copy of all joint venture agreements and evidence of authority to do business in the State of Georgia as well as locally, to include all necessary business licenses.
11. Percent of Minority/Female Business Enterprises ownership by each joint venture in terms of profit and loss sharing: _____

12. The authority of each joint venturer to commit or obligate the other: _____

13. Number of personnel to be involved in project, their crafts and positions and whether they are employees of the Minority/Female Business Enterprises enterprise, the majority firm or the joint venture: _____

14. Identification of control and participation in venture; list those individuals who are responsible for day-to-day management and policy decision-maker, including, but not limited to, those with prime responsibility for areas designated below; (use additional sheets if necessary)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Financial Decisions</u>	<u>Supervision Field Operation</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

In connection with any work that these firms, as a joint venture, might be authorized to perform in connection with above captioned contract, we each do hereby authorize representatives of the Fulton County Department of Contract Compliance, Departments of Purchasing and Finance, under the direction of the County Manger's Office, to examine, from time to time, the books, records and files to the extent that such relate to this County project.

WE DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, AND THAT WE ARE AUTHORIZED, ON BEHALF OF THE ABOVE FIRMS, TO MAKE THIS AFFIDAVIT AND GRANT THE ABOVE PRIVILEGE.

FOR _____
(Company)

Date: _____
(Signature of Affiant)

(Printed Name)

(Company)

Date: _____
(Signature of Affiant)

(Printed Name)

State of _____:

County of _____:

On this ____ day of _____, 20_____, before me, appeared _____, the undersigned known to me to be the person described in the foregoing Affidavit and acknowledge that he (she) executed the same in the capacity therein stated and for the purpose therein contained.

EXHIBIT G - PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUB-CONTRACTOR UTILIZATION REPORT

This report **must** be submitted by the **tenth day** of each month, along with a copy of your monthly invoice (schedule of values/payment application) to Contract Compliance. Failure to comply **shall** result in the County commencing proceedings to impose sanctions to the prime contractor, in addition to pursuing any other available legal remedy. Sanctions may include the suspending of any payment or part thereof, termination or cancellation of the contract, and the denial of participation in any future contracts awarded by Fulton County.

REPORTING PERIOD		PROJECT NAME:	
FROM:		PROJECT NUMBER:	
TO:		PROJECT LOCATION:	

PRIME CONTRACTOR		Contract Award Date	Contract Award Amount	Change Order Amount	Contract Period	% Complete to Date
Name:						
Address:						
Telephone #:						

AMOUNT OF REQUISITION THIS PERIOD: \$ _____
 TOTAL AMOUNT REQUISITION TO DATE: \$ _____

SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION (add additional rows as necessary)

Name of Sub-Contractor	Description of Work	Contract Amount	Amount Paid To Date	Amount Requisition This Period	Contract Period	
					Starting Date	Ending Date
TOTALS						

Executed By: _____

(Signature)

(Printed Name)

Nortary: _____

Date: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

Should you have questions regarding any of the documents contained in Section 6, please feel free to contact the Office of Contract Compliance at (404) 763-6300, for further assistance.

SECTION 7 INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS

Insurance and Risk Management Provisions

It is Fulton County Government's practice to obtain Certificates of Insurance from our Contractors and Vendors. Insurance must be written by a licensed agent in a company licensed to write insurance in the State of Georgia. Respondents shall submit with the bid/proposal evidence of insurability satisfactory to Fulton County Government as to form and content. Either of the following forms of evidence is acceptable:

- A letter from an insurance carrier stating that upon your firm/company being the successful Bidder/Respondent that a Certificate of Insurance shall be issued in compliance with the Insurance and Risk Management Provisions outlined below.
- A Certificate of Insurance complying with the Insurance and Risk Management Provisions outlined below (Request for Bid/Proposal number and Project Description must appear on the Certificate of Insurance).

Upon award, the Contractor/Vendor must maintain at their expense, insurance with policy limits equal to or greater than the limits described below. Any and all Insurance Coverage(s) and Bonds required under the terms and conditions of the contract shall be maintained during the entire length of the contract, including any extensions or renewals thereto, and until all work has been completed to the satisfaction of Fulton County Government.

Accordingly the Respondent shall provide a certificate evidencing the following:

1. WORKERS COMPENSATION – STATUTORY (In compliance with the Georgia Workers Compensation Acts and any other State or Federal Acts or Provisions in which jurisdiction may be granted)

EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY	BY ACCIDENT - EACH ACCIDENT	-	\$500,000.
INSURANCE	BY DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT	-	\$500,000.
(Aggregate)	BY DISEASE - EACH EMPLOYEE	-	\$500,000.

2. COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE (Including contractual Liability Insurance)

Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability	Each Occurrence	-	\$1,000,000
(Other than Products/Completed Operations)	General Aggregate	-	\$2,000,000
Products\Completed Operation	Aggregate Limit	-	\$1,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury	Limits	-	\$1,000,000
Fire Damage	Limits	-	\$100,000

3. BUSINESS AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE

Combined Single Limits	Each Occurrence	-	\$1,000,000
(Including operation of non-owned, owned, and hired automobiles).			

4. ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING LIABILITY

(Required if computer contractor)	Limits	-	\$1,000,000
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- | | | | |
|---|-----------------|---|-------------|
| 5. UMBRELLA LIABILITY
(In excess of above noted coverage's) | Each Occurrence | - | \$2,000,000 |
| 6. PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY
(Required if respondent providing quotation for professional services). | Each Occurrence | - | \$1,000,000 |
| 7. FIDELITY BOND
(Employee Dishonesty) | Each Occurrence | - | \$ 100,000 |

Certificates shall state that the policy or policies shall not expire, be cancelled or altered without at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to Fulton County Government. Policies and Certificates of Insurance are to list Fulton County Government as an Additional Insured (except for Workers' Compensation) and shall conform to all terms and conditions (including coverage of the indemnification and hold harmless agreement) contained in the Insurance and Risk Management Provisions.

If Fulton County Government shall so request, the Offeror, Contractor or Vendor will furnish the County for its inspection and approval such policies of insurance with all endorsements, or confirmed specimens thereof certified by the insurance company to be true and correct copies.

Such certificates and notices shall be sent to:

Fulton County Government – Purchasing Department
130 Peachtree Street, S.W.
Suite 1168
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3459

The Contractor/Vendor shall insure that the Request for Bid/Proposal number and Project Description appears on the Certificate of Insurance.

It is understood that **Insurance in no way Limits the Liability of the Contractor/Vendor.**

INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Contractor/Vendor hereby agrees to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, it's Commissioners, officers, employees, subcontractors, successors, assigns and agents, from and against any and all losses (including death), claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including but not limited to all actions, proceedings, or investigations in respect thereof and any costs of judgments, settlements, court costs, attorney's fees or expenses, regardless of the outcome of any such action, proceeding, or investigation), caused by, relating to, based upon or arising out of any act or omission by contractor, it's directors, officers, employees, subcontractors, successors, assigns or agents, or otherwise in connection with it's acceptance, or the performance, or nonperformance, of it's obligations under this agreements.

THE OFFEROR ACKNOWLEDGES HAVING READ, UNDERSTANDING, AND AGREES TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE STATEMENTS, AND IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF THE RESPONDING COMPANY.

COMPANY: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____ DATE: _____

SECTION 8
SAMPLE CONTRACT

**(SAMPLE) CONTRACT BETWEEN FULTON COUNTY
AND _____**

THIS Contract, entered into this ____ day of _____ 2005, by and between **FULTON COUNTY** (hereinafter referred to as "County"), a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, acting by and through its duly elected Board of Commissioners, and _____ (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor").

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the County, through its Finance Department, identified the need for Third Party Claims Administrator Services;

WHEREAS, the County by and through its Finance Department, has determined that this need can best be met by retaining Financial Advisor Services;

WHEREAS, the County requested a formal Request for Proposal for Financial Advisor Services;

WHEREAS, the County and Contractor desire to enter into a contract for provision of such services, the scope of services, which is more specifically defined in paragraph III of the Contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the parties hereunto agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT

Paragraph 1.0 This Contract shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and be binding to the extent allowable by law on the parties hereto, their heirs, successors, administrators, executors and assigns. Contractor shall not sell or in any way assign any duties, payments, rights, privileges, detriments, or benefits provided for in this Contract to any entity or person without the prior express written consent of the County. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any attempted assignment or subcontracting by Contractor without the prior expressed written consent of Fulton County shall at Fulton County's sole option terminate this Contract without any notice to Contractor of such termination.

ARTICLE II - TERM

Paragraph 2.0 The term of this Contract shall commence on date of award and continue for twelve (12) consecutive months without further obligation of the County.

ARTICLE III - SCOPE OF WORK

Paragraph 3. 0 The County retains Contractor and Contractor accepts retention by the County to render **Financial Advisor Services**, as specified by Fulton County Request For Proposal (RFP) #_____, Contractor's bid

and any and all clarifications or amendments thereto, all of which are incorporated herein, made part of this Contract, and referred to collectively as the "Contract Documents". Contractor shall perform all such services, including any and all agreed upon in written amendments, in the manner and to the extent agreed to by the parties herein. RFP #_____ is hereby attached and incorporated herein as Attachment A. Contractors Proposal is hereby attached and incorporated herein as Attachment B. Contractor is to furnish all labor, equipment, transportation, material, insurance, and other requirements necessary to provide **Financial Advisor Services** in Fulton County as specified in Attachment A. Fulton County reserves the right to add and/or delete facilities pursuant to a formal change order as required by Policy & Procedure 800-6 during the term of the Contract based upon addition/deletion requirements at any location as required by Fulton County.

Paragraph 3.1 Contractor shall commence providing Financial Advisor Services as stated in the Request For Proposal (RFP #_____) and Contractor's own response to that Proposal (**Attachments A & B respectively**). In the event there is a conflict between the scope of work described in the Request For Proposal and the Contractor's own Proposal, the description in the Request For Proposal takes precedence. In the event that specifications in either the Request For Proposal or the Contractor's own proposal lack detailed descriptions concerning performance, the best commercial practices in the industry shall be used and only materials of the correct type, size and design are to be used. All workmanship and quality of materials shall be first quality as

determined by the sole discretion of the County. Any equipment or supplies determined by the County to be improper or insufficient to the task to be performed shall be replaced immediately with County approved equipment/supplies. This will be done at no additional cost to the County.

Paragraph 3.2 Any additional services that are to be performed by Contractor and not included in the RFP must be approved by the County in advance pursuant to change order policy and procedure 800-6 of Contractor providing services and billed at

the unit rate stated in the RFP response.

Paragraph 3.3 The silence of this Contract, or any of the documents incorporated into it by reference with regard to items or services typically a part of the contracted service, shall not relieve Contractor of the obligation to perform.

ARTICLE IV - AUDIT

Paragraph 4.0 The County shall have the right to review Contractor's records and documents, upon reasonable notice, to determine if number of hours worked and labor charges are consistent with Contract requirements. Contractor shall permit the County's Internal Audit Department to inspect and audit all files of Contractor relevant to its performance under this Contract for thirty-six (36) months after final payment. The Contractor file shall be retained by Contractor during the term of the Contract and for thirty-six (36) months after final payment for the purpose of such audit and inspection.

Paragraph 4.1 The County's authorized representative shall have the right to supervise the Third Party Claims Administrator Services performed by the Contractor, with regard to the frequency and adequacy of services provided. For this purpose, the respective appointed supervisor(s) will be the County's authorized representative.

Paragraph 4.2 Contractor agrees to include audit requirements specified in Section 4.0 above in any and all contracts with subcontractors, consultants, or agents whose services will be charged directly or indirectly to the County under the Contract herein.

ARTICLE V - COMPENSATION FOR SCOPE OF WORK

Paragraph 5.0 The services described under "Scope of Work" herein shall be performed by Contractor for a total sum not to exceed \$_____.

Paragraph 5.1 Any additional services requested by the County shall be performed by the Contractor and a detailed invoice submitted which references the written agreement, which must be approved by the County pursuant to change order policy 800-6 before the work is started.

Paragraph 5.2 Contractor shall submit monthly invoices for work performed during the previous calendar month to the Director of Finance or his appointed representative. No job, task, or duty may be submitted to Fulton County for payment unless the work has been completed. Any invoice which

attempts to change the terms of this Contract is null and void and Contractor shall be required to provide a proper invoice to Fulton County prior to payment.

Paragraph 5.3 Fulton County shall make payments to Contractor by U.S. mail approximately thirty (30) days after receipt of a proper invoice by the Fulton County General Services Department. Parties hereto expressly agree that the above contract term shall supersede the rates of interest, payment periods, and contract and subcontract terms provided for under the Georgia Prompt Pay Act, O.C.G.A. 13-11-1 et seq., pursuant to 13-11-7(b), and the rates of interest, payment periods, and contract and subcontract terms provided for under the Prompt Pay Act shall have no application to this Contract; parties further agree that Fulton County shall not be liable for any interest or penalty arising from late payments.

ARTICLE VI - RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLAIMS AND LIABILITY

Paragraph 6.0 **CONTRACTOR** shall indemnify and hold harmless the **COUNTY** and its agents, employees, successors, and assigns from and against all loss, cost, damage, claim, suit and judgment, including attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from the negligent, intentional or willful performance or non-performance of the work. **CONTRACTOR'S** duty to indemnify applies in connection with, but is not limited to, injury to death of any person or persons, loss of or damage to property caused by or in any way connected with **CONTRACTOR'S** negligent, intentional or willful performance or non-performance of the work, whether such injury, death, loss or damage results from

any cause whatsoever. The **CONTRACTOR'S** duty to indemnify shall extend to all claims, damages, losses or expenses caused in whole or in part by any act or omission of the **CONTRACTOR**, any Subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable. **CONTRACTOR** shall not hold harmless or indemnify the **COUNTY** for the sole acts or omissions of its employees or agents. **CONTRACTOR'S** obligation to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless, as set forth hereinabove, shall also include but is not limited to any matter arising out of any actual or alleged infringement of any patent, trademark, copyright, or service mark, or any actual or alleged unfair competition disparagement of produce or service, or other business tort of any type whatsoever, or any actual or alleged violation of trade regulations. **CONTRACTOR** further agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the **COUNTY** and its officers, agents and employees from and against any and all claims or liability for compensation under the Worker's Compensation Act arising out of injuries sustained by any employees of **CONTRACTOR**. These indemnities shall not be limited by reason of the listing of any insurance coverage.

ARTICLE VII – TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

Paragraph 7.0 If through any cause, Contractor shall fail to perform the Financial Advisor Services as specified in herein, including the Proposal Documents in a satisfactory, timely and proper manner or in the event that any of the provisions or stipulations of this Contract are violated by Contractor, the

County shall thereupon have the right to immediately terminate this Contract by serving written notice to Contractor of its intent to terminate the Contract. If the Contract is terminated by the County, Contractor will be compensated for the work satisfactorily performed up to the termination date.

ARTICLE VIII – TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

Paragraph 8.0 In the event that the County determines that it is no longer in its best interest to provide these services through the use of an independent contractor, the County may terminate this Contract, without any liability whatsoever upon the County, by giving (10) days notice in writing (by hand delivery or posting in the U.S. Mail) to Contractor, stating the reasons for such termination. If the Contract is terminated by the County, Contractor will be compensated for the work satisfactorily performed up to the termination date.

Paragraph 8.1 Upon termination of the Contract, the Contractor shall immediately turn over to the County all information, reports, data, equipment, etc, in its possession, respective of whether such information, report data, equipment is in a completed form.

ARTICLE VIX - SUSPENSION OF WORK

Paragraph 9.0 **COUNTY** may order **CONTRACTOR** in writing to suspend, delay or interrupt all or any part of the work for such period of time as it may determine appropriate for the convenience of **COUNTY**. The time for completion of the work shall be extended by the number of days the work is

suspended. **COUNTY** shall not be responsible for any claims, damages or cost stemming from any delay of the project.

ARTICLE X - INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Paragraph 10.0 Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to create any relationship other than that of an independent contractor between the County and Contractor. Under no circumstances shall Contractor, its subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, agents, partners, successors or assigns be deemed employees, agents, partners, successors, assigns or legal representatives of the County. Contractor acknowledges that its subcontractors, directors, officers, employees, agents and assigns shall have no right of redress pursuant to the personnel rules and regulations of Fulton County.

ARTICLE XI - PROVIDE COUNTY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Paragraph 11.0 All insurance shall be provided to and accepted by the County in accordance with the requirements stated in the specifications of the Proposal Documents.

Paragraph 11.1 Contractor acknowledges that insurance meets all requirements under state law including solvency of surety and status of Georgia surety.

Paragraph 11.2 It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to monitor the status of the insurance company to be certain that the policies continue to be current and valid during the entire term of the contract. If a policy becomes

invalid for any reason, the Contractor must provide the County with a current, valid policy within ten (10) days.

ARTICLE XII - VARIATIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO CONTRACT

Paragraph 12.0 This Contract and the incorporated documents constitute the entire agreement between the County and Contractor and there are no further written or oral agreements with respect thereto. No variation or modification of this Contract, and no waiver of this provision, shall be valid unless in writing, comply with change order procedure 800-6 and approved by the Board of Commissioners.

ARTICLE XIII - NON-DISCRIMINATION

Paragraph 13.0 Contractor agrees to comply with federal and state laws, rules and regulations and the County's policy relative to non-discrimination in employment practices and to non-discrimination in client and client services practices regarding political affiliation, religion, race, color, sex, disability, age or national origin.

ARTICLE XIV - SEVERABILITY OF TERMS

Paragraph 14.0 If any part or provision of this Contract is held invalid, the remainder of this Contract shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect.

ARTICLE XV - CAPTIONS

Paragraph 15.0 The captions are inserted herein only as a matter of convenience and for reference and in no way define limits or describe the scope of this Contract or the intent of the provision thereof.

ARTICLE XVI - NOTICES

Paragraph 16.0 Any and all notices referred under this Contract shall be sent, via certified mail, to the following individual on behalf of Fulton County:

Finance Department
Attn: Sharon Whitmore
141 Pryor St., S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303

With copies to the Director of Finance and the County Attorney.

Furthermore, any and all notices required under this Contract shall be sent via certified mail, to the following individual on behalf of the Contractor.

Contractor's Name
Owner
Contractor's Company Name

Contractor's
Address

ARTICLE XVII - WAIVER OF BREACH

Paragraph 17.0 The waiver by either party of a breach or violation of any provision of this Contract, shall not operate or be construed to be, a waiver of any subsequent breach or violation of the same or other provision thereof.

ARTICLE XVIII - COOPERATION WITH OTHER CONTRACTORS

Paragraph 18.0 **CONTRACTOR** will undertake the Scope of Services in cooperation with and in coordination with other studies, projects or related work

performed for, with or by **COUNTY** employees, appointed with other contractors, **CONTRACTOR** shall fully cooperate with such other related consultants and **COUNTY** employees or appointed committees. **CONTRACTOR** shall provide within his schedule or work, time and effort to coordinate with other contractors under contract with **COUNTY**. **CONTRACTOR** shall not commit or permit any act, which will interfere with the performance of work by any other contractors or by **COUNTY** employees.

ARTICLE XIX - FORCE MAJEURE

Paragraph 19.0 Neither the County nor the Contractor shall be deemed in violation of this Contract if either is prevented from performing its obligations hereunder for any reason beyond its control, including but not limited to, acts of God, civil or military authority, acts of public enemy, war, accidents, fires, explosions, earthquakes, floods, or catastrophic failure of public transportation, provided however, that nothing herein shall relieve or be construed to relieve the Contractor from performing its obligations hereunder in the event of riots, rebellions, or legal strikes.

ARTICLE XX - PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT

Paragraph 20.0 **CONTRACTOR** shall identify in writing a project manager who shall have sole authority to represent **CONTRACTOR** on all manners pertaining to this Contract. **CONTRACTOR** represents that it has secured or will secure, at its own expense, all equipment and personnel

necessary to complete Contractor's Services under the Contract, none of whom shall be employees of or have any contractual relationship with **COUNTY**. All of the services required hereunder will be performed by **CONTRACTOR** under his supervision and all personnel engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized or permitted under law to perform such services.

ARTICLE XXI - GOVERNING LAW

Paragraph 21.0 This Contract shall be governed in all respects as to validity,

construction, capacity, performance or otherwise by the laws of the State of Georgia.

In witness whereof, the parties have executed this amendment.

For Contractor's Company Name

Contractor's Name
Owner

(seal)

Approved as to Form:

Attest:

Office of the County Attorney

Mark Massey
Clerk to the Commission
(seal)

Approved as to Content:

For Fulton County

(Director)

Karen Handel, Chair

Finance Department

Board of Commissioners